

Grammar **present perfect simple and continuous**

a Complete the dialogue with the verbs in brackets in the present perfect simple or continuous.



DOCTOR So, what seems to be the problem?

PATIENT Well, for about a week now I ¹ 've been feeling quite dizzy. I even thought I was going to faint once or twice. (**feel**)

DOCTOR I see. ² _____ normally? (**you / eat**)

PATIENT Well, to tell you the truth I ³ _____ much of an appetite recently. I'm just not hungry. (**not have**)

DOCTOR You need to try to eat regularly, you know, even if you're not hungry.

PATIENT I know, but I ⁴ _____ to eat anything. (**not want**).

DOCTOR Hmm. Any other symptoms? ⁵ _____ headaches or any other aches or pains? (**you / have**)

PATIENT Well, I ⁶ _____ my blood pressure three times this week, and it's a little bit high. (**take**)

DOCTOR I'll check that in a minute. ⁷ _____ harder than usual? (**you / work**)

PATIENT Yes, I suppose I have. This is a very important time of the year for us and things ⁸ _____ incredibly busy recently. I ⁹ _____ home very late, and to be honest I ¹⁰ _____ very well for the last few days. (**be, get, not sleep**)

DOCTOR I think you ¹¹ _____. I want you to take a week off work, and have a complete rest. (**overwork**)

PATIENT I can't possibly have a week off at the moment. I ¹² _____ to head of department. (**just / be promote**).

DOCTOR Well, I'm afraid they'll just have to manage without you. You can't play around with your health.

b Write questions with either the present perfect simple or continuous.

1 I didn't know Agnes was ill. How long has she been in hospital? (**be**)

2 Sorry I'm late! How long _____ you _____? (**wait**)

3 So Jack is your oldest friend? How long _____ you _____ him? (**know**)

4 Is that your new car! How long _____ you _____ it? (**have**).

5 Your English is very good. How long _____ you _____ it? (**learn**).

6 I haven't seen you before. How long _____ you _____ to this school? (**come**)